

## Meeting Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Great Wood Hall at 7.15pm

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**Attendees:** Councillors – Cllr A Hulme (Chair), Cllr C Pearce (Vice Chair), Cllr B Stubbs, Cllr D Ball, Cllr S Akerman & Cllr P Wilkinson – S Morgan-Rimes (Clerk).

- Chairman's Welcome:**
- Apologies Received From:** Cllr K Flunder, Cllr T Wilkinson & Cllr D Trigger.  
**Absent:** Cllr A Wilkinson & P McCormack
- Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the annual parish assembly held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 have been circulated. They have been confirmed as an accurate and true record and signed by the chairman Cllr Hulme.  
**Proposed: Cllr C Pearce - Second: Cllr S Akerman**
- Chairman's Annual Report:**  
Cllr Hulme thanked Councillors, the Clerk and community volunteers for their support and hard work over the last twelve months.  
Cllr Pearce thanked Cllr Hulme for his contribution as chairman.  
Cllr Hulme then gave an overview of issues and projects that involved the Parish Council over the last twelve months (available on request from Cllr Hulme).
- Financial Statement:**  
The clerk explained why the precept had increase by 2% and gave a financial summary for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 (available on request from the clerk).
- Register of Interests - Review:**  
All councillors we asked via email on 24<sup>th</sup> April and 9<sup>th</sup> May to review their register of interests prior to the meeting. Cllrs Hulme, Pearce, Ball, P Wilkinson advised no changes. Cllrs Stubbs and Akerman have provided new completed forms (clerk will forward to SMDC). Cllr Flunder to complete a new form and submit. Cllrs A Wilkinson, P McCormack and D Trigger are yet to advise. Cllr T Wilkinson yet to provide register of interests.
- Reports from representatives on Outside Bodies:**  
**Jim Tams – Checkley Community Centre Committee:** Mr Tams provided a copy of the annual accounts prepared to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Mr Tams then advised that the centre has this year sanded and varnished the main hall floor at a cost of £4,850. Ofsted also issued improvements required at costs of £8,000, these improvements were required to ensure the nursery remains at the hall. Forecast project for 2017/18 is the roof over the meeting room at a estimated cost of £1,900. The donation for £300 will go towards this. Cllr Stubbs advised that they should come along to a Parish meeting with some figures and request extra funding. Cllr P Wilkinson advised that we have adopted the phone box outside of the hall, and could they possibly utilise this. Mr Tams also advised that they were having trouble with vandalism. The clerk is to provide the PCSO's contact details.  
**Denise Wheat – Great Wood Community Hall Committee:** Annual accounts will be submitted after their next AGM in June 2017. Currently in the black and breaking even. The committee would like to thank the Council for their ongoing support.  
Little Oaks nursery have signed a lease for a further five years. This year funds have been spent on light repairs, roof repairs (due to vandalism), decorating the history room. They are considering a new floor the history room and have been quoted £2,000. They have recently purchased a new kitchen from Howdens, Youth Club funds will be purchasing a range cooker. The whole kitchen project (electrician, plumber, kitchen fitter, painter) will cost approx. £10,000. The £300 donation from the parish will go towards this. They have also been donated by I Brunt a collection of historical documentation including Christchurch buried records, old census papers and much more. The plan is to turn the history room into a display room with proper display boards/cased for people to view the documents. Later in the year the committee are considering

having the hall floor varnished and new internal doors. They would also like to thank Cllr Stubbs for his dedication and time spent on the committee as a member, he will be missed.

**Christine Wells – Tean Youth Club:** Youth Club has just celebrated its third birthday, and in those three years they have had 300 different people through the door. In September 2016 clubbers were asked to renew their membership and a total of 102 clubbers renewed. 52 clubbers are from Tean, 41 from Cheadle and 9 from further in the Moorlands. They have also had around 45 club guest who have tried the Youth Club however not enrolled. Most club nights have approx. 50 clubbers but the Christmas party saw a record 72 clubbers attending on one night. The maximum clubbers limit for one evening is 75.

Several volunteers have this year undergone various training including running DRB checks, Food Hygiene, Online Level 1 in Child Protection and some of the younger volunteers have been on a weekend long Young Leaders training course.

Events evenings taken place this year have included a HIV talk, drugs talk, Dangers in social situations, smoothie nights, human hungry hippo's, BBQ's and chip buttie nights amongst a few. The clubbers have also been encouraged to get involved in the community and have collect litter to make art posters to raise awareness, served hot chocolate at Christmas lights switch on and helped at Great Wood Primary Summer Fayre. Trips have included Blackpool Pleasure Park, Flip Out, Meals Out, Bowling, Ice Skating, Scarefest. Thank you to Cllr Pearce for donation – this has gone towards a karaoke machine.

Thank you to Cllr Trigger for donation – this has gone towards a picnic bench.

Thank you to Checkley Parish for their continued support.

**Janine Bush – St Thomas 7:** Thank the Council for their continued support. Been holding the event for 8 years. Last year was successful with 250 racers participating. This was because Potteries half was cancelled. It's the biggest fund raising event for the school so will be running it again this year. Entry fee has been increased slightly so 50p can be donated to St Thomas Church. Janine is willing to help with a fun run however she cannot take the organising of the run on solely. She is hoping the schools will take this on. Looking for support from Checkley Parish for £300.

**Cllr P Wilkinson declares an interest as a sponsor for the run.**

**Proposed: Cllr B Stubbs - Second: Cllr C Pearce**

**Weight Watchers – Tean Chapter:** Been running since December 2016, has approx. 25/26 members. Runs every Tuesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Hoping to run a cupcake appeal in June to raise money for Alzheimer's.

**Denise Wheat – Tean Rainbows:** Meet every Thursday 4.30pm – 5pm. Currently fully subscribed, as only allowed a maximum of 14 girls aged 5-7 years old. This week will be celebrating 20 years of Tean Rainbows, Councillors are invited to attend for tea and cake.

8. **Neighbourhood Plan Update:**

Cllr Hulme reads out report provided by Cllr Flunder giving an overview of where we are and thanking the residents groups, Hannah Barter from Urban Vision and the Clerk for all their support.

9. **Public Participation:**

No questions.

Cllr Hulme thanks everyone for their involvement and hard work within the community.

**No other business – meeting was closed 20.27**

I hereby state this is a correct account of the monthly meeting held by Checkley Parish Council.

Signed: (Chairman) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_